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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A multimedia messaging system, comprising:
a mailbox configured to receive and store one or more messages;
a capacity calculator configured to determine the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages; and
a message transmittal unit configured to automatically enable one or more notification messages to be generated and serially sent to a plurality of locations in response to said capacity calculator determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;
wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if a notification message has not been received at a previous one of the plurality of locations and wherein said one or more notification messages are across multiple user-specified media.

2.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to count the number of said one or more messages stored in said mailbox.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to determine the amount of time said one or more messages occupy.

4.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said mailbox is located in a non-volatile memory device.

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5.   (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to determine the amount of non-volatile memory consumed by said one or more messages.

6.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to count the number of minutes said one or more messages occupy.

7.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said non-volatile memory device includes a fixed disk drive.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 1, non-volatile memory device includes flash memory.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more facsimile messages.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more telephone messages.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more pager notifications.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more electronic mail messages.

13.   (Currently Amended) A multimedia messaging system, comprising:
a mailbox configured to receive and store one or more messages;

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a capacity calculator configured to determine the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages; and

a message transmittal unit configured to automatically enable one or more notification messages to be generated in response to said capacity calculator determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if a notification message has not been received at a previous one of the plurality of locations; and wherein said one or more notification messages are across multiple user-specified media;

wherein said notification messages include changing the cadence of a message waiting light on a telephone.

14.   (Currently Amended) A multimedia messaging system, comprising:

a mailbox configured to receive and store one or more messages;

a capacity calculator configured to determine the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages; and

a message transmittal unit configured to automatically enable one or more notification messages to be generated in response to said capacity calculator determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if a notification message has not been received at a previous one of the plurality of locations and wherein said one or more notification messages are across multiple user-specified media;

wherein said notification messages include modifying a dial tone.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said modified dial tone includes changing the frequency of the dial tone.

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16.   (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said notification messages includes stuttering the telephone dial tone.

17.   (Original) The system of claim 1, further including a user alert profile table to store information as to where said one or more notification messages are to be sent.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia messaging system is an electronic mail system.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia messaging system is a facsimile system.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia messaging system is a voice mail system.

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27.   (Currently Amended) In a multimedia messaging system, a method for generating notification messages, comprising:

receiving and storing one or more messages;

determining the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages; and

automatically enabling one or more notification messages to be generated and serially sent to a plurality of locations in response to determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if a notification message has not been received at a previous one of the plurality of locations and wherein said one or more notification messages are across multiple user-specified media.

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    28.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further including the step of storing one or more addresses where said one or more notification messages are to be sent.

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